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SUBJECT: HANDLING OF ATTEMPTS TO SEEK ASYLUM

1. AS REPORTED SEPTEL, DURING CURFEW HOURS EARLY MORNING MAY 21, A YOUNG MAN ATTEMPTED TO SCALE WALL OF EMBASSY RESIDENCE AND FLED WHEN CHALLENGED BY CHILEAN CARABINERO GUARDS.IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO SEEK ASYLUM.

2. GOC HAS PREDICTEDTHAT OPPOSITION ELEMENTS WOULD STAGE WALL-SCALING AT NUMBER OF LOCAL EMBASSIES FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES, BEFORE AND DURING OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AFTER RATHER LONG LULL, GROUP OF EIGHT WOULD-BE ASYLEES LAST WEEK CLIMBED WALL OF EX-HUNGARIAN EMBASSY, NOW UNDER AUSTRIAN CUSTODY. WE HAVE BEEN EXPECTING MORE ACTIVITY OF THIS SORT. HITHERTO WE HAVE NOT BEEN CONCERNED, SINCE WE HAVE ASSUMED THAT ASYLEES WOULD NOT CHOOSE TO ENTER A U.S. RESIDENCE AS IT IS WIDELY KNOWN WE DO NOT GRANT ASLYUM.BUT IF PUBLICITY IS THEIR GOAL, IT MIGHT SEEM WORTHWHILE TO A LEFT-WING OPPOSITION GROUP TO GET A MAN INTO THE RESIDENCE AND SEE WHAT WE WOULD DO.

3. REVIEWING THE SITUATION, WE HAVE REACHED CONCLUSION THAT IF ASYLUM SEEKERS SHOULD GAIN ENTRANCE TO ANY U.S. MISSION RESIDENCE WE WOULD TREAT THEM AS FOLLOWS. FIRST, GET THEM INTO CUSTODY OF RESIDENCE GUARDS OR ROVING EMBASSY GUARDS WHO PERIODICALLY CHECK RESIDENCE EACH NIGHT. (THESE SHOULD BE DISTINGUISHED FROM CARABINERO GUARDS AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE.)

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SECOND, EXPLAIN TO INTRUDERS THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT GIVE

ASYLUM. THIRD, URGE THEM TO ACCEPT OUR OFFER TO ESCORT THEM OUT OF RESIDENCE AND LEAVE THEM AT A POINT WHERE THEY WILL NOT BE APPREHENDED BY LOCAL SECURITY FORCES. FOURTH, IF THIS OFFER IS REFUSED, AND AFTER CONSULTING CHIEF OF MISSION, ASK CARABINEROS TO REMOVE INTRUDER.

4. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, WE WOULD MAKE THIS OUR STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURE UNLESS INTRUDER CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT HE IS IN REAL DANGER OF APPREHENSION BY PURSUING INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES. IN THAT CASE, WE WOULD HOLD ASYLEE AND CONSULT DEPARTMENT URGENTLY BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION.
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